

House Votes to Cut Direct Loans, Interest Waiver

By College Press Service

WASHINGTON—The U.S. House passed a budget-cutting bill on Oct. 26 that would eliminate the direct lending of student loans and end the six-month interest waiver for new graduates.

The House budget bill, aimed at balancing the federal budget by 2002, calls for the elimination of direct lending by June 30, 1996, and would immediately begin phasing colleges from the program. The direct lending program, which began at the start of the

1994 school year and has been championed by the Clinton administration, allows students to borrow federal student loan money directly through their colleges, bypassing banks and lending institutions.

House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich (R-Ohio) said that the cuts were not only necessary, but demanded by voters in the last election. "The people should understand that in seven years, we will in fact balance the federal budget and save this coun-

try and save the next generation," said Kasich. "We've done our job."

Jeannette Galanis, president of the United States Student Association, disagrees. "They've taken effective programs and cut them without any regard for what the students want," Galanis said. "They are neglecting a large group of voters, and it could come back to haunt them."

Direct lending is popular on many campuses, where administrators say it has cut

down on paperwork and students claim to receive loan money sooner.

Tim O'Connor, an Illinois State University senior, said with direct lending, he can count on his loan check arriving much faster. "I expect Clinton to veto this," O'Connor said. "I used to have nightmares about getting my loans through my bank. It took forever. The last thing I want to do is go back to the old way."

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Book Detailing Bethsaida Excavations Unveiled at UNO

By Lisa Tosoni

A book detailing the discovery of a lost city has placed UNO on the map in the field of archaeology.

The book titled "Bethsaida: A City by the North Shore of the Sea of Galilee," was presented in a public ceremony Friday afternoon at UNO's William H. Thompson Alumni Center.

The book was written by members of the Bethsaida Excavations Project consortium, which is involved in the archaeological excavation of Bethsaida, Israel. The consortium is headquartered at UNO and includes UNO faculty and staff and faculty from eight other universities in the U.S. and abroad. Three of the book's contributors spoke at the presentation, which also included video of the excavation site in Israel and a book-signing.

"This book establishes UNO as the premier university in the field of Biblical archaeology," said Richard Freund, UNO religion professor and Bethsaida Excavations Project coordinator. Freund is co-editor of "Bethsaida," along with Rami Arav, a UNO

International Studies faculty member and excavation director.

Freund was accompanied at the presentation by John Shroder Jr., UNO professor of geology and chief geologist for the Bethsaida project, and John Greene, archaeologist and professor of religious studies at Michigan State University. Shroder co-wrote a chapter in the book about the geologic and geographic history of Bethsaida. Greene contributed a chapter on the military history of the Jews and Romans in Bethsaida during the years 66-73 A.D.

Arav was scheduled to speak, but he was delayed on a flight from Israel. He accompanied 56 of the antiquities uncovered at Bethsaida on the flight, which will be displayed at four universities in the U.S. before ending up at UNO next March.

The Bethsaida Excavations Project began in 1987, and since 1991 the consortium has been administered at UNO, which holds ex-

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—By Steve Houlton

Richard Freund

UNO Leadership Society Helps Build Nation's Future Leaders

By Christine Mixan

Members of UNO's chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society have been working to teach that leaders are made, not necessarily born.

The group recently worked with Janet McFadden, gifted resource teacher for Omaha Public Schools, in a leadership development program titled "In Search of a Leader," which involved seventh, eighth and ninth-graders.

Even though leadership skills were the main emphasis, the goals and objectives of each grade differed. The seventh-grade level emphasized leadership skills to be discovered, eighth-graders discussed developing leadership skills, and ninth grade was concerned with demonstrating leadership skills.

The Omaha Schools Gifted Education program founded the "In Search of a Leader" program eight years ago. The ODK members worked primarily with the ninth-graders in

the last stage of the three-year program.

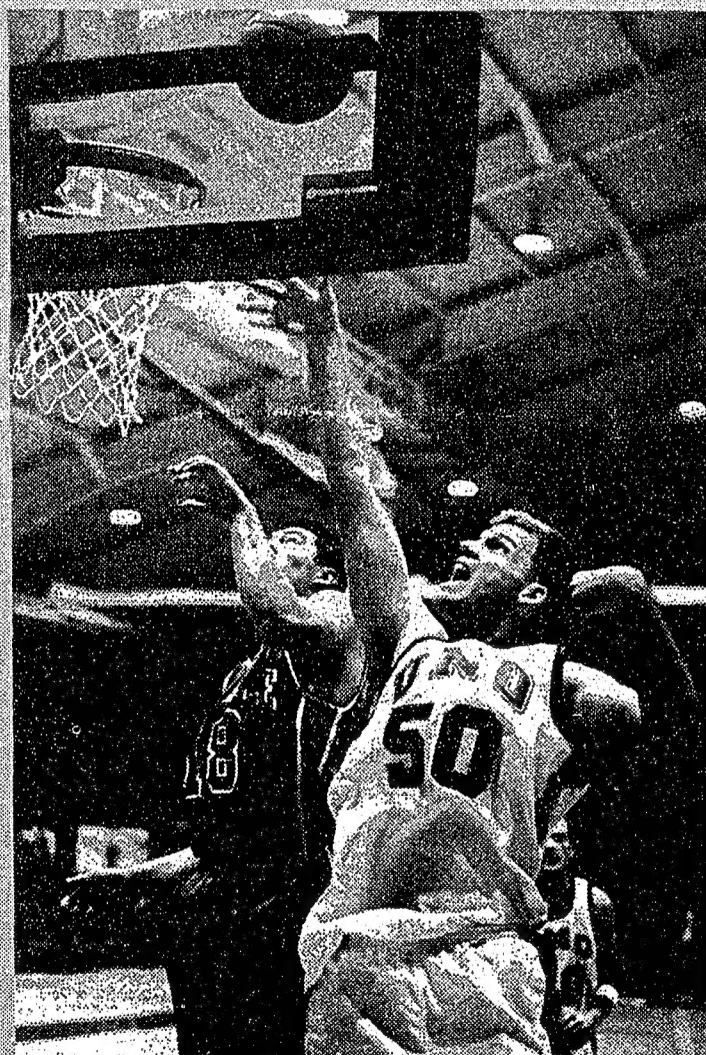
"I love working with kids, especially at the ninth-grade level," said Polly Faltin, president of ODK. "They're at a time in their lives that they will be making a critical decision about whether they are going to sit back during their high-school years or develop their full leadership potential. It was our job to help them realize this potential."

The students were selected for this program by the principal and the facilitator for gifted education of each school involved. There were 10 students from each school and 100 students total in the program.

"We tried to pick the students who have shown leadership potential but are not necessarily already holding leadership positions," McFadden said. "These are the kids who

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Mavs Basketball Tips Off Season



—Dave Molner

John Skokan, right, led the Mavs basketball team with 14 points and a game-high 14 rebounds in their 108-63 win over La Salle of Mexico. See the full story on page 9.

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OPINIONS, EDITORIALS AND LETTERS

State Alcohol Laws Not Tough Enough on Buyers

How responsible should a person who sells alcohol be for those who buy it? How far should the law go to prosecute those who sell alcohol to a person prior to an unfortunate incident? I believe Nebraska's liquor laws place too much responsibility on those who sell alcohol — and not enough on those who buy and consume it.

Working at a bar, I have heard every punishment and consequence of selling alcohol to the wrong person under the wrong set of circumstances. For example, let's say Mr. Drunk has been boozing it up at a bar down the street from the one I'm working at. The bartender at this bar decides Mr. Drunk has reached his limit and asks him to leave. Mr. Drunk unhappily leaves and decides to have a few beers at my bar. He stumbles in and manages to sit down at the bar. Obviously I notice he is drunk, and I am required not to serve him. But can I simply ask him to leave? No, of course not. I am supposed to keep him from leaving. If I let him leave and he gets in an accident and kills someone, not only am I, and my bar, legally responsible, but so is the bar he got drunk at. This means I could lose my job, and my bar could lose its liquor license.

Nebraska law states that we don't allow Mr. Drunk to leave and should call a cab to take him home. Now I ask you, am I supposed to jump over the bar, throw this guy to the ground, hog-tie him and throw him in the bathroom for a couple of hours until he is sober enough to take himself home? Am I supposed to beg and plead for him not to leave? I'm sorry, but it is not my job to baby-

sit every drunk who comes in — just so I can save my own ass. If it were me that got this guy drunk, of course I would keep an eye on him. But I probably would not have let him get that drunk unless I knew how he was getting home.

Now obviously I am not going to let a bunch of drunks loose on the streets just because I think the law is a little too tough. But aren't most bartenders busy enough already, trying to keep minors from drinking or keeping up with bar orders, or in some places, keeping youngsters from buying cigarettes when they aren't old enough? There are only so many things a bartender can keep track of on a busy night, and what if a drunk person slips out? I don't see

how I should be held accountable for every Tom, Dick and Harry who walks into my establishment.

So who do we have to thank for all these laws? Well, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers has had a lot to do with tougher liquor laws being passed. I can understand what they are trying to fight, but they need to realize that the rest of society can only do so much, only be in so many places at once. And we all can't be mothers watching everyone else's children. I wouldn't be surprised if they tried to make beer distributors and brewers responsible for everyone who drinks their beer.

You can only take responsibility so far and make only so many other people responsible for everyone else's mistakes. People who drink need to start taking responsibility for themselves, and if they can't handle the responsibility, they should drink Kool-Aid.

Ryan Moseley Columnist

Editor's Notes

—Ryan Moseley is the newest addition to the *Gateway's* Tuesday opinion page. Moseley made his debut last week with a column titled "TV Host Talks Out of Both Sides of Mouth."

—As told by the story on the front page, the House of Representatives voted to eliminate direct student loans and the six-month waiver for new graduates in attempts to balance the budget. The *Gateway* has printed a number of letters, both pro and con, and several stories about the proposed cuts, and I have remained pretty much silent — until now. I feel very frightened by the possibility of these cuts. When I started school, I had a choice whether to stay at home and go to a community college or take out loans and go away to a school with a top-notch journalism school. Being the ambitious person I am, I couldn't let a dream opportunity go by and I took out the loans. But when I took them out, I knew the rules. The government would pay the interest for me while I was in school and for six months after I graduated. I understood the rules and agreed to play by them. Now the government wants to change the rules in the middle of the game. That's not fair. If I had any idea that it would end up being a whole different ball game even before the seventh inning stretch, I might have chosen a different field to play on.

For those of you who are still a little confused about the changes that could occur in financial aid, the *Gateway* plans to run a special four-page financial aid pull-out in next Tuesday's issue.

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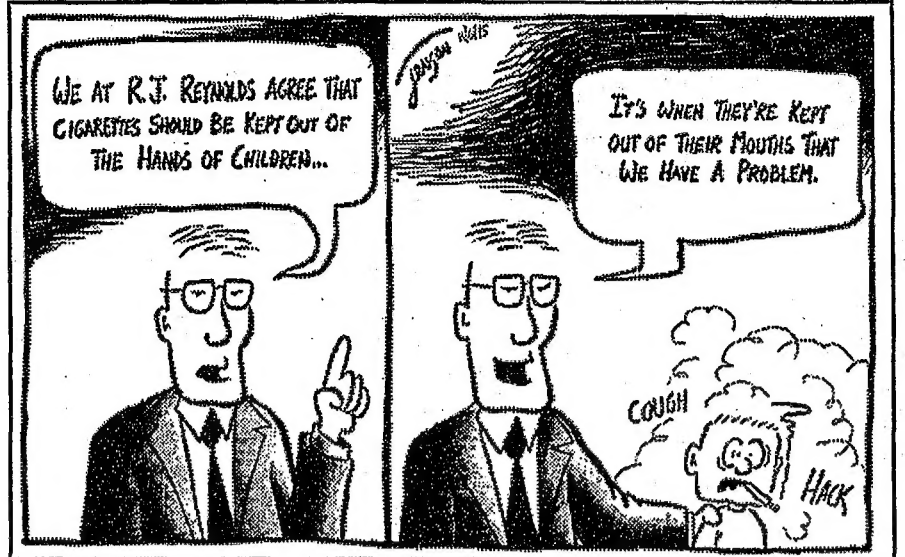
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Talk Show Hype is Puzzling

As a sporadic daytime TV viewer, I do not feel qualified to make the types of sweeping generalized critiques about talk show content heard lately, nor can I relate to the mass audiences that tune in to these programs.

Keeping in mind that the average IQ in this country is 100, I am puzzled by the amount of attention this issue garners. The goals of a few folks, who no doubt consider themselves of above average intelligence, to dictate the types of entertainment appropriate for those in the mass audience they imply haven't the mental aptitude for common sense, hardly seems newsworthy to me.

Nevertheless, I will exercise my "voice," albeit small, on this somewhat silly topic.

Let me begin by saying, although I don't know what percentage of "the masses" fall above or below average intelligence, I'd bet there aren't too many of us who are unable to take these programs at face value. With dozens, if not hundreds of information and entertainment options available to us, we have evolved into a culture of browsers, zeroing in on "gems of truth" if they apply, and "surfing" by the rest. The particular value of any program is unique to each individual in the viewing audience. Who's to say grandmothers who do erotic dances while seated are any less worthy a form of entertainment than interviews with Bill Bennett's conservative cohorts who, if given their way, would abolish public-funded television programming—the former with much potential to produce giggles, the latter, hardly more than gagging.

Further, I'd like to remind the drug-czar-cum-cultural-critic-at-large and those of his ilk that the Constitution only guarantees a *free* press—not a "good" press. (How many times is he going to be quoted saying, "This [type of programming] is a tropism toward the toilet. It's not good."?) Not every television program can be the perfect combina-

tion of content and attractiveness for every member of the audience. But would we really be better off if the vast and multifaceted marketplace was no longer the arbiter of the myriad programming we currently enjoy? Bill, in the words of Jerry Springer, "Get a life!"

As far as other commentary from daytime talk hosts goes, I find it very difficult to discern, let alone appreciate, the subtle differences between, say Maury Povich, who defended his program as one that "doesn't demean guests," and Sally Jesse Raphael, who stated flatly that, "The more intellectual you make it, the more they yawn and go away." Holding up "Oprah" as a talk show that has somehow maintained higher standards, seems nothing more than a lame attempt at political correctness. While Ms. Winfrey may have "cleaned up her act," it is no secret her perch atop the ratings has grown precarious. She

certainly didn't get to be the richest woman in television by lack of business savvy. If she has to wallow in the weird to compete, you can bet your bottom line she will. It wouldn't be sound business practice to risk any of the \$4.42 million Philip Morris will spend for advertising during her show this year.

It is surprising the conservative cultural watchdogs *du jour* aren't more appreciative of the workings of the mass media, which are, after all, very BIG business. Writing letters to try to "shame" daytime talk shows' producers, advertisers and viewers is, at best, a symptomatic diagnosis for the curtailing of the "cultural rot" Bennett and Co. live in fear of—not to mention a gross waste of resources. Wouldn't it be easier to go straight to the source—all the guys who own the means to distribute everything we see—and ask them to forfeit a little profit in the name of cultural preservation? This ought to be pretty easy, and relevant too, given all those fancy culturally enriching events they have occasion to "rub shoulders" at.

Kim Balkovec Columnist

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LETTERS

Real Christians Know Bible

Dear Editor,

If you asked any Christian what the most important parts of the Bible are, if it is a true Christian, the answer would be Jesus' life and death. If the answer is anything different, he or she is not really a Christian—that is what sets it apart from all other religions. Almost all have one god—it's the messenger that is different.

Anyone who claims to be a Christian uses the Bible's teachings in his or her life and should believe what the Bible says, especially the words and stories of Jesus. That is the foundation of Christianity. Now those of you who have made it this far, ask yourselves: Who did Jesus spend most of His time with? The rich and well-educated? Powerful religious leaders? Kings and queens? No! He was invariably found talking to the outcasts of His society—those communally ignored or condemned: prostitutes, tax collectors, the blind and lam, lepers, children, etc. Not once did He condemn (publicly or privately), discriminate against, harass or oppress these people. He talked with them and tried to teach them—not how to change their "wicked ways," but simply to open their hearts to a faith in God. Now in light of the above basic information, ask yourself (if you call yourself a Christian) am I acting, or at least trying to act, as Jesus would have?

Karen Davidson

UNO Graduate Student

Moeller Needs to Open Mind

Dear Editor,

This is in response James Moeller's letter in last Tuesday's issue of the *Gateway*.

What is with your attitude on a women's study committee. The resentment that comes across in your opinion leaves an uneasiness. You have no problem with other groups on campus, but you do with the women's study committee.

Comparing women's study committee to engineering based on "enhancing the economic status of our community," shows how narrow-minded your thinking must be. What do you define as economic status? Money, marital status, movement up a corporate ladder? Or are women less functional in providing economic status?

You, sir, need to expand your growth and development to include taking a class in women's studies. This would assist you in learning how women "enhance the economic status of the community." I am a mom and a grandmother who feels I have contributed to "enhancing the economic growth and development" of the communities I have lived in. I am not privy to information as to why engineering was denied funding.

UNO is a university geared to a diverse group of individuals, seeking out scholastic achievement for professional as well as personal growth and development. UNO has always

sought to provide and promote student growth whether through assistance in learning areas or through group development and individual development. Any group has a right to exist.

You, sir, need to get involved in UNO and participate by possibly volunteering a little of your time, or maybe you are too busy "enhancing the economic status" in your community.

Pat Christopher

UNO Junior

Osborne Fails Promise

Dear Editor,

Real men don't use porn.

Real men don't abuse their wives or girlfriends.

Real men don't play football at the University of Nebraska.

Real men don't go to Promise Keepers rallies to hear Tom Osborne.

Seriously, "Uncle Tom" has, in one action, done more to undermine the credibility of Promise Keepers than any feminist or gay-rights group could have hoped to do. And he can't claim that his decisions as a coach are independent of his personal feelings. The most important principle of Promise Keepers is that our commitments to our wives, children and society are integral to every aspect and moment of our lives.

S. D. Srb

UNO Student

Comedienne Screams into Omaha



—Jack Brittenham

Stand-up comedienne and TV show star Margaret Cho entertained audiences Friday at the Civic Auditorium. The show was sponsored by UNO's Student Programming Organization.

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clusive license for excavation at the site. The consortium consists of Dana College, the Graduate Theological Union, Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies, Michigan State University, Truman State University, Rocky Mountain College, the University of Munich and Wartburg College.

"This documentary is the key to getting the word out about Bethsaida," Freund said. He said that this is the first time a book has been published about an excavation while the site is still being excavated.

UNO students and volunteers have participated each year in the excavation since it began. They are accompanied by faculty and students from the other universities in the consortium. Last year, 162 volunteers took part in the excavation.

Bethsaida, which means "house of the fisherman," is located in northern Israel on the Sea of Galilee. During its existence it was an important fishing village and midway point between Babylon and Egypt. Freund referred to it as "a border town located on the 1-80 of antiquity."

It was the birthplace of at least five of the 12 apostles, including Peter, Andrew and Philip. Bethsaida is referred to in all four Gospels and is the place where Jesus healed the blind man. It was destroyed in A.D. 67 when the Romans captured and drove the Jews from the city. The reason for its virtual

disappearance is unknown, and for 2,000 years crusaders and pilgrims searched for the mysterious city.

Environmental catastrophes such as landslides, floods and earthquakes (Bethsaida is located on the Dead Sea-Jordan Rift system) have altered the original landscape around the city. What remains of Bethsaida now lays more than a mile away from the Sea of Galilee. Shroder said the discovery of all these changes "has gotten more complicated, but interesting." Finding the location of Bethsaida was the most complicated puzzle.

In 1838, Edward Robinson, a prominent American, explored what he believed to be the location of Bethsaida, a large mound named et-Tell. Then in 1888, German scholar Gottlieb Schumacher surveyed the area and reasoned that et-Tell was too far from the shoreline to be Bethsaida. He suggested el-Araj, another ruin located nearer to the shoreline. The real site of Bethsaida remained a question until the Bethsaida Excavations Project.

The exhibit of 56 antiquities will be on display at Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University) until Nov. 27. The exhibit will be on display at UNO from March 27 to May 20, 1996, at the newly remodeled Student Center.

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Clinton has already promised to veto the House budget-cutting bill.

Secretary of Education Richard Riley said it would be a mistake to eliminate the direct lending program. "We knew when President Clinton proposed this new loan option, it would be popular with students and student aid administrators, and it is," Riley said. "It's simple, with less paperwork. It improves cash flow by offering quicker turn-around time for loan processing, and it improves services to students."

However, Mark Clayton, spokesperson for the Coalition For Student Loan Reform, an organization made up of loan guarantee agencies, said students who go back to borrowing from guarantee agencies might be surprised at the service. "A lot of work has been done on everyone's part to cut costs and to help students out," Clayton said. "Students will find no difference in service."

The House budget also includes the elimination of the six-month interest-waiver for new graduates and an increase in the PLUS-loan interest rate.

The Senate will vote on its version of

the budget soon. During the week of Oct. 23, the Senate voted unanimously to do away with three provisions that student lobbying groups and college administrators had harshly criticized. They include a tax on colleges of 0.85 percent of their loan volume, which many colleges estimated would cost them nearly \$1 million a year; the elimination of the six-month waiver period during which the government pays the interest on the loans of new graduates; and a jump in the interest rate on PLUS loans.

Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.), one of the architects of the direct lending bill, says he will try to reduce the \$10.8 billion to \$4.4 billion when the budget comes up for approval on the Senate floor. "(Republicans) are taking the choice away from colleges and ending the competition that has benefited students," Simon said.

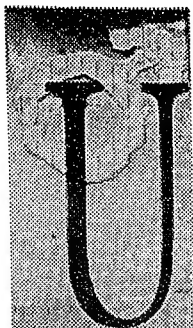
House and Senate leaders will meet to work out differences between the two proposals, which are part of a much-larger bill to balance the federal budget and cut income taxes over the next seven years.

The Continuing Saga of the Student Center



—SR Kemper

Even as winter sets in, construction on the Student Center is still in full swing as workers piece together the new rotunda, pictured at right.



Uncle Sam wants you — unless you're a woman.

All able-bodied United States citizens over age 18 are required by law to register with the selective service — unless

you're a woman.

Let me explain exactly what this means. When I am filling out my Federal Loan Application for financial aid, I have to be registered with the selective service or I won't get any aid. If I'm not registered, I'm breaking the law. If the draft is reinstated, I am subject to it. If my number gets called, I get the joy of giving up my life for some schmuck in Washington who can't work things out any other way.

Women, however, are exempt. Why is that? I'm confused. Last I heard, women were making great advances in leaps and bounds for women's rights. Right up until the elephant men ousted the Equal Rights Amendment, that is.

When was the last time you heard of women wanting to be included in the draft? When was the last rally where women wanted to register for the selective service to receive financial aid? It certainly has not been in this lifetime.

Equality is not selective. There are no shades of gray. Equality is black and white, either you have it or you don't.

You can't pick and choose what you want and what you don't, equality is both the perks and the drawbacks.

If a man does not provide for his life, he could go to jail. That is reality, there is a law that states this. Do you think this law still

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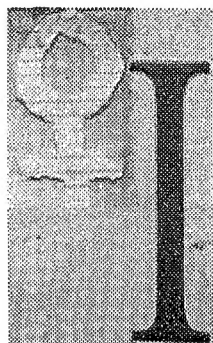
Today's Topic: Women and the Draft

This feature contains the opinions of the authors and not necessarily of the Gateway.

exists for the same reason that women don't want to be subject to the draft? Hmm ... I've said it before and I'll say it again: Equality is more than just the perks.

Let me ask you women out there (those of you who are open-minded enough to still be reading this): Why haven't you fought for equality across the board? If you want to prove that you are just as effective as men in the workplace, why don't you prove you can do the same on the battlefield?

Do you want to be required by law to support your husband? Do you want to be forced by law to register for selective service? Be subject to the draft? No way! That is why there is so much opposition to your little movement.



I'd just like to see some fat bureaucrat in Washington try and get me to serve in a war. Before he even had the word draft out of his mouth, I can guarantee I would already have changed my name and moved to Canada.

I'm not a wuss, I work-out every day, try to eat healthy (every now and then, at least), and can run a mile faster than some of the men out there who would call me a broad. If I had to, I could certainly have run circles (literally) around Shannon Faulkner and could hold my own in the armed services.

But why? Oh yeah, to "serve my country," right? Since when did "serving my country" mean dying for my country?

But should women be forced to register for selective service and be drafted? Absolutely not. Should men? Absolutely not. But who should? The answer is simple: The people who want to should serve in war.

In the employment world, if you show up for work in a bad mood and don't want to be there, it's going to reflect in your work performance. How can you ask people to give their 100 percent when their mind is elsewhere and they're fighting you the whole way? You can't, it's that simple.

How can a country ask its own people to go out and sacrifice themselves for a cause they don't even believe in? The lessons learned from the Vietnam War should serve as a memory of how something as decisive as the re-enactment of the draft can divide an entire nation.

"I didn't want to go, but I had to do it to serve my country," many World War II veterans will tell us, while shaking their fingers in our faces with a bulging vein sticking out of their temples. But what about all the men who have served and have done "the honorable thing" and are now dead; who died at age 23, leaving behind a wife, a child and a future?

Oh please, let me do that — where can I sign up?

It's not a male-female thing: It's a humanity thing.

To answer the question of whether a female should be able to fight during wartime? My answer is simple: It doesn't take a certain part of the male anatomy to fire a weapon, women should have equal opportunities as women. I believe that women should have the right to serve if they want to, but they should not be forced, just as I believe men shouldn't be forced as well.

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Minority Students Use Fee Money to Voice Concerns About Newspaper

By College Press Service

DEKALB, Ill.—Northern Illinois University minority students who said they were angry about inadequate coverage in the student newspaper recently stormed the school's cashier's office and demanded a refund of a portion of their student fees.

"We feel like we were not being represented by the staff," said NIU student Darryl Jones. "Instead of being a student paper for the students, the Northern Star has become a paper for the Northern Star staff."

NIU students help subsidize the Northern Star by paying six cents per credit hour for the publication, and any one student's total contribution does not exceed 72 cents. Officials from the cashier's office indicated that students who did not wish to allocate money toward the school paper would be credited on their next tuition bill.

One NIU student, however, has said he will pay for any fees the paper may lose. "I'd just really hate to see NIU without a newspaper," senior Jon Gilbertson told the Star. "Even with all its faults, it's better than nothing."

Jones and other students said they are upset by the Star's editorial treatment of minorities. "When the stories are about African-American or other minority students, the stories only focus on one side of the issue," said Jones, who is also a member of the student government. "The reporters show a lack of sensitivity when they write. The stories don't reflect what really happens."

Jones pointed to a recent flap over the homecoming king and queen as an example. "For years, photos of the king and queen ran on the front page," said Jones. "But for the past few years, when there's been an African-American king and queen, their pictures aren't even in the paper."

But most frustrating of all, Jones said, is the lack of accountability from the paper's staff. "There isn't anyone who's willing to take final responsibility for what gets printed,"

Jones said.

But Lesley Rogers, the paper's editor-in-chief, said The Northern Star's stories reflect what occurs on campus. "We print what happens," Rogers said. "There's no misrepresentation or withholding of facts."

Still, Rogers says she's willing to hear the concerns of the students. "The Northern Star is the student paper," she says. "It's our objective to represent the students."

Shortly after the protest, Rogers and her staff participated in a forum to hear the concerns of students, many of whom brought up the homecoming photos. Ralph Argueta, the paper's photo editor, told students that no photos were taken of the king and queen because of a shortage of photographers to cover the event.

Argueta's answer did little to satisfy junior Michelle Ivy, who accused Star staffers of racism. "All I want is for nobody to put me down," Ivy said. "Everyone has their opinion. I'm entitled to my opinion as long as it doesn't offend or hurt anyone else."

Jones, who helped organize the forum, said the recent protest over the paper's content is not an issue of race or fairness. It's one of economics.

"Contributing to the paper makes us consumers," Jones said. "As a consumer, I'm not satisfied with the product, and I want my money back."

At the forum, some NIU students said they were willing to stage a sit-in if their concerns were not addressed. Last spring, student protesters at DePaul University staged a 10-day sit-in at the school's student newspaper office to protest the paper's coverage of minority issues.

Jones said he hopes a similar scenario doesn't happen in Dekalb. "We're trying to work this out in a productive way," he said. "We're trying to make this work better for all of us."

First Gay Fraternity House Residing Peacefully; Members Enjoying Stability

By College Press Service

MINNEAPOLIS—While fraternities are often grounded in tradition, an addition to fraternity row this fall at the University of Minnesota may be a sign of changing times.

Some members of Delta Lambda Phi, a national fraternity for gay and bisexual men, moved into a house on fraternity row in late August. The University chapter of the fraternity is the first in the nation to get a house of its own.

Rusty Robertson, the fraternity's president, said having a house helps Delta Lambda Phi provide social opportunities and stability to gay, bisexual and lesbian students.

"This is a bold step forward," said Troy Buckmeier, a fraternity member who lives in the house. The building is home to seven fraternity members and pledges, as well as to three straight men, two straight women and two lesbians who are boarders.

Buckmeier said he doesn't believe they could have had a house on fraternity row 10 years ago. Some members of the local gay and bisexual community, who graduated from the University before the idea of having a house on fraternity row existed, say the idea is "gutsy and crazy" because of the risks involved, Buckmeier said.

Those risks include harassment and vandalism, Buckmeier said. Some Twin Cities gay men, lesbians and bisexuals have been the target of such hate crimes.

But fraternity members said they aren't being harassed and the house isn't being vandalized.

Other fraternities on the row are "cordial," Robertson said. "We haven't received bad things, but we haven't gotten any warm invitations."

Todd Grothe, house manager of neighboring-fraternity Alpha Tau Omega, said Delta Lambda Phi getting a house on the row doesn't bother him or the other men living in his house. "As far as neighbors they're fine," he said. "They don't spill beer cans in our yard."

But Robertson said the fraternity has to deal with a lot of stereotypes within and outside the gay, lesbian and bisexual community.

"People think of us as a sex club," Robertson said. "We combat that stereotype on top of standard fraternity stereotypes."

Because of such stereotypes, the fraternity has to be cautious, Robertson said. The group established bylaws prohibiting pledges and members from dating each other.

The fraternity also has a "strong no-hazing policy," Robertson said. The gay, lesbian and bisexual community is "hazed enough by society," he added.

"There are no sexual undertones," Robertson said. The

fraternity's philosophy is, "Come meet us before you judge us."

The purpose of the fraternity and the house is to help serve the gay, bisexual and lesbian community at the university, Robertson said.

The gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender offices and organizations on campus can provide education, discussion and events for the community, Robertson said. But the fraternity and the house can offer a different social atmosphere that is often missing from such programs.

After going to classes students often don't want to go to another lecture, Robertson said. In talking to the gay, lesbian and bisexual community Robertson said he thinks, "what they want is to meet people socially, hang out... have fun, laugh, joke and party."

The fraternity's social activities are similar to activities of other fraternities, Robertson said. Activities this fall ranged from barbecues and movie nights to a party that more than 200 people attended.

The fraternity sometimes takes a standard social event and adds a gay theme to it, Robertson said. This fall the fraternity had a game night when they played a game called Gay Monopoly. The game "encompasses a lot of queer culture," including discos instead of railroads, as well as locations and resorts popular among his community. "Everyone thought it was a hoot," he said.

The house and fraternity can also provide stability for some students, Robertson said.

It is difficult for gay and bisexual students to always be themselves in the dormitories, especially if they have an unaccepting roommate, Robertson said.

Dan Whittaker, a sophomore pledge of the fraternity who lives in the house, agrees.

Whittaker said he had negative and positive experiences living in the university's dormitories. But the house provides a "stable, accepting home environment," and there "isn't a pressure to conform," he said.

The house also provides a safe, open environment for Irene Renee Alvidrez, a straight University student who is a boarder at the house.

"If you're gonna live in a fraternity house, this is the safest one to live in," Alvidrez said. She added that it is nice to live in an environment where people are open about their sexual orientations 24 hours a day, no matter who comes to the door.

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Sullivan demonstrates magician's flash paper.



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Sullivan solicits answers from the audience.



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Sullivan reads from a flaming book.

UNO's Science Wizard Puts on Explosive Show

By Scott R Kemper

A balloon filled with hydrogen makes a big boom when you put a match to it.

Dan Sullivan, UNO chemistry professor, ignited several hydrogen-filled balloons and a number of other items at a recent Science Wizard chemistry demonstration, which was part of Science Week in the Durham Science Center. He also shattered a racquetball, made some "elephant toothpaste" and showered the audience with dry ice.

During Sullivan's demonstrations, he quizzed the audience of mostly children about recycling, life expectancy and safety.

"What happens when you soak a cigarette in liquid oxygen and set it on fire?" Sullivan asked the audience. Because it had such a concentrated supply of oxygen, it lasted for about four seconds and looked like a sparkler on the Fourth of July.

Sullivan said that a good scientist should always expect the unexpected, as he opened a book and a flame puffed out.

Sullivan used liquid nitrogen for several demonstrations. Liquid nitrogen is very cold, about 385 degrees below zero Fahrenheit, and a racquetball dipped in it was frozen solid. When Sullivan tried to bounce it, it shattered.

Safety is very important in chemistry, Sullivan said. He cautioned young scientists to always talk to their parents before doing chemistry experiments and to always wear safety glasses while doing them.

Sullivan asked the audience how to make a candle burn faster, and one suggestion was to burn the candle at both ends. He demonstrated an even faster method. He blew about a quarter teaspoon through a flame and it went up in a puff of flame.

Sullivan shot a fire extinguisher over the audience. He was showing how some molecules gain energy and some lose energy. The molecules gaining energy dispersed in a gas, while others, losing energy, froze into a solid.

Sullivan made "elephant's toothpaste" when he dropped a catalyst into hydrogen peroxide in a large cylinder, making a large column of foam shoot out.

Sullivan did several demonstrations with plastics and he said that plastics can be recycled "practically forever." He said that 10 two-liter bottles can make a windbreaker.

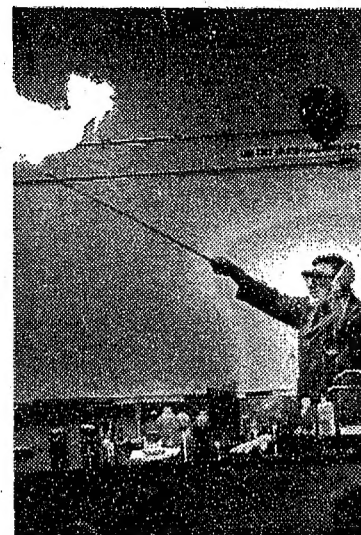
Sullivan led a discussion on the variety of gels in a household and said, "A cat will make a lot of funny faces when you take a small ball of peanut butter and stick it to the roof of its mouth." But he cautioned that anybody who tries needs to be good friends with the cat.

When Sullivan lighted a balloon filled with hydrogen, it burned so fast that it exploded. The boom caused many in the audience to jump in surprise.



—SR Kemper

Sullivan demonstrates excited molecules by discharging a fire extinguisher.



—Steve Houlton

Sullivan ignites a balloon filled with hydrogen.



—Steve Houlton

Sullivan plays with lycopodium powder.

Professor Attempts to Confirm That UFOs are Real

By Beth Warner

John Kasher, professor of physics at UNO, said he is "thoroughly convinced that extraterrestrials are real and are here."

He told this to a group of more than 30 people at the Durham Science Open House on Saturday afternoon in a presentation titled, "Are UFO's Real?"

Kasher said it is reasonable to expect life to exist throughout the Earth's galaxy and not just far away. He said there are 500 million planets in the Milky Way galaxy similar to Earth, and scientists agree that there are 100 billion galaxies similar to the Milky Way in the universe.

Sightings in Omaha

Kasher relayed two examples of UFO sightings in Omaha. He said he personally knew the people in both examples.

In the first, a couple, who did not wish to be identified, were backing out of their driveway and looked up to see a flying saucer the size of their house hovering 100 feet above them. Kasher said they watched it for three or four minutes. When they started to back up, the saucer flew away.

In the second example, another couple saw a flying saucer while driving on a remote stretch of interstate. The saucer was as wide as the four lanes of highway, including a particularly wide median. As they drove toward the saucer it disappeared. Afterward, the couple realized they had "lost one-and-a-half hours."

It is not unusual for people to lose time after a UFO sighting, Kasher said. He said extraterrestrials bring people on board their craft, perform medical tests, and afterward, block out all memories of the event.

Aboard the Ship

After the sighting, Kasher said, the woman went under hypnosis and gave the following account: She was taken aboard the ship. The extraterrestrials were about four feet high with disproportionately large heads and black wrap-around eyes. She said one of the extraterrestrials touched her on the arm and relayed telepathically, "You will not remember this."

After the woman came out of hypnosis, Kasher said, she didn't remember anything she had said. He said the woman was dumbfounded when she listened to the tape of herself talking under hypnosis.

Kasher said 30 percent of people abducted by extraterrestrials consciously remember what happened to them without the aid of hypnosis.

"Whether you want to believe it or not, something is happening and happening on a grand scale," Kasher said.

There have been seven types of extraterrestrials reported, and Kasher said the same types are reported all over the world.

He said 85 percent of the people abducted said they saw extraterrestrials similar to the type reported by the woman abducted on the

interstate.

Some extraterrestrials are from other planets and some are from another dimension, he said, and extraterrestrials and UFOs are an "international, worldwide phenomenon."

International Sightings

The presentation included slides of UFOs taken in places such as Switzerland, Austria, Denmark, Brazil, Spain, Wisconsin, New Mexico and Indianapolis, Indiana. Photographers ranged from a 16-year-old boy to a one-armed farm hand in Switzerland.

He also showed a short videotape filmed in Byelokoviche, Russia, where a UFO hovered above a missile site for four hours. Kasher said the UFO was seen by everyone in the town. During the UFO sighting, missiles were prepared for launch without human effort.

On March 21, 1990, two huge UFOs, 100 to 200 meters in diameter, were spotted by the Russian military and seen by 100 separate military units. The UFOs flew above the speed of modern jets.

UFOs were tracked by three separate radar, including NATO's radar on March 31, 1990, and jets were sent up to chase them. The UFOs were hovering and diving at 40 times the acceleration of gravity, a speed that would kill a human pilot, he said.

"In other words," Kasher said, "whoever was flying wasn't human."

Scientists don't have the capacity to build

anything that would fly at that speed, he said, and if they did, it would be pointless because traveling at that speed would kill the pilots.

Highly Classified

"UFOs are the most highly classified topic in government," Kasher said. "It's not a matter of what I believe, it's a fact, the government has classified information on UFOs."

He said information about UFOs is more highly classified than information about nuclear weapons. Kasher said that astronauts said they had seen UFOs and that the records about seeing them had been removed.

At least 160 documents on UFOs are classified by the government, Kasher said as he showed a slide of one document pertaining to UFOs, which had been classified and then released. About 70 percent of the document had been blacked out.

Kasher ended the lecture by showing slides of crop circles.

In one case, Kasher said, the crops were canola plants, which are thick and dense, similar to celery. The plants had been bent at 90 degree angles but were not broken.

"There is not a biologist in the world who knows how to do this," he said.

In response to a question, Kasher said that extraterrestrials are more scientifically advanced, and that they have had "plenty of opportunity to take us over but haven't."

Doctor Finds Barbie and Ken Restrictive

By College Press Service

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Having a hard time living up to the physical standards set by Barbie and Ken?

Don't worry. A psychologist from Yale University says that the muscles and curves on the 6-inch plastic dolls are pretty far from reality.

Using hip measurements as her constant, Yale's Kelly Brownell recently calculated that the average woman would have to grow 2 feet taller, add 5 inches to her chest and lose 6 inches from her waist to have proportions similar to the blonde doll. The typical man wishing for Ken's build would have to grow

20 inches taller, add 8 inches to the circumference of his neck, 11 inches to his chest and 10 inches to his waist.

Brownell says that a person's dissatisfaction with his or her body often stems from the unrealistic ideals fostered by the news media, advertisers and the fashion industry.

"The discrepancies between the dolls and reality were pretty much what we expected, given the fact that most females wish to be leaner and many males wish to be more muscular," she notes.

"If healthy, normal-weight individuals use such models as standards for comparisons, discontent is a logical outcome," says Brownell, who serves as the co-director of the Yale Center for Eating and Weight Disorders. "Despair may be the outcome with people who weigh more."

Students Learn Joy of Nonalcoholic Drinking

By College Press Service

WASHINGTON—Whether it was a Salt-T-Dog, a Tarantula Smoothie or a Bitter Rita, all the mixed drinks at a recent college mixer in Washington had one thing in common—none used alcohol.

BACCHUS, an international association of college students who promote responsible decision making regarding alcohol use, sponsored the "mocktail" party as a kickoff to its annual general assembly. About 700 college students from across the nation were invited.

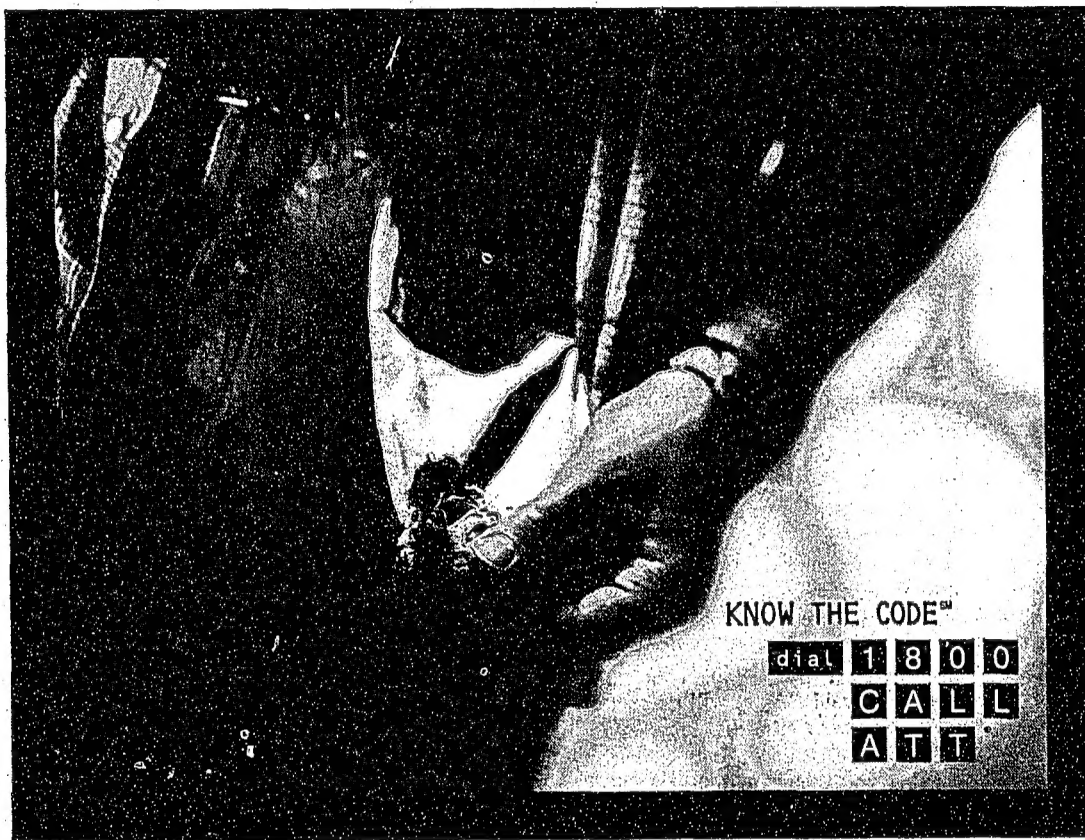
"Students are seeing the benefits of a more responsible approach to alcohol," says BACCHUS spokesperson Chris Cohick.

"They realize that they don't have to get drunk every time they go out."

The group has published a recipe book of alcohol-free mixed drinks, featuring 50 recipes for frozen, hot, iced and holiday beverages. A typical drink would be the Salt-T-Dog, consisting of 8 ounces of grapefruit juice, 8 ounces of lemon-line soda, margarita salt and a lime wedge.

If interested in trying a Mexicali Outlaw or Safe Sex on the Beach at the next party, you can order the recipe book, entitled "BAC-tails," for \$9.45 by sending a check or money order to: The BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education network, P.O. Box 100430, Denver, CO 80205-0430; or by calling 303-871-3068.

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Changing Face of Typical College Students

As the average age of students nears 25, colleges are accommodating

By College Press Service

Picture the typical American college student: newly out of high school, outfitted in jeans, a T-shirt and Timberlands, and calling a cramped dorm room "home."

Not quite. The typical American college student these days may look more like Mom or Dad.

Take Sheila Donhue, for example. Donhue left high school to marry and quickly had two children. Later divorced, Donhue realized her employment prospects were limited. After taking classes at a community college, she eventually went on to earn a degree from Cornell Law School. Today she is a senior attorney for IBM Corp. in New York.

Record Low Numbers

This year, only 20 percent of college students go to college full time, are between the ages of 18 and 21 and live on campus — a record low, according to a recent "Trends in Adult Learning" report. Meanwhile, 42 percent of college students are over age 25.

From 1970 to 1991, the enrollment of students over age 30 in colleges has more than doubled. That trend is expected to continue into the 21st century, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

In addition, 58 percent of adult students are women. Their enrollment has been increasing since the '70s, when the Women's Movement challenged the notion that "housewife" was the only career a woman needed.

"Females are doing later what some males were able to do earlier in their lives, reflecting a true difference in their life schedules," says Carol B. Aslanian, director of the Office of Adult Learning Services of The College Board in New York.

Colleges have encouraged older students to continue their education by aggressively tailoring and marketing new programs for these students. Since 85 percent of older students work full time, according to studies by The College Board, a variety of evening programs have been designed to meet their needs. These students typically leave the office, do a drive-thru McDinner and arrive on campus as the sun sets.

"The majority of adult learning is work-related," says Aslanian. "The loss of jobs, the changing of jobs and the creation of new ones are the primary triggers that send adults back to college."

Older Students Try Dorm Living

Usually the full-time undergraduate crowd is only aware of those nocturnal "intruders" when they capture valuable parking places. But on some campuses, returning students are not only going to class full time, but also trying out dorm living.

At Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, about 160 older women join the under-21 set each year through

the Frances Perkins Program. The program, which began in 1980, is designed for women who interrupted their undergraduate study and want to return for a bachelor's degree.

Students typically attend full time and have complete access to all college services, including cafeteria cuisine. This year 50 women have even chosen to live in a designated dorm.

"For many students, coming to college immediately after high school is not possible," says Kate Althoff, director of the Frances Perkins Program. "Either for economic or personal reasons, more and more women are coming to college after a hiatus of sorts from the world of education."

Like Daughter, Like Mother

A few Frances Perkins students (FPs) aren't just the same age as the younger students' moms — they are Mom. Jan and Carrie Field are both full-time junior psychology majors, who live separately on campus.

Jan, 49, began working right out of high school and then, like many in the '60s, did a stint in the Peace Corps. She married, reared three children and worked a variety of secretarial jobs. She ultimately found secretarial work "boring," but could not advance in her desired career without a degree.

Then it came time for Carrie to go to college. "When we were touring the campus, the guide pointed out the Frances Perkins residence hall," explains Jan. "Carrie leaned over to me and said, 'Mom, you should apply. We could be a mother-daughter team.' I would not be here if she didn't support me. We have a really special relationship."

Mom Studies Harder

This term, Jan and Carrie are even taking a class together. However, they do not study together. In fact, Jan admits, they pride themselves on being somewhat competitive. Jan says she has to spend more time studying than Carrie, in part because she has been away from the classroom for so long. "She doesn't have to study as much as I do. She plays two sports, and I'm studying all the time."

Carrie, 20, concedes her Mom "definitely studies harder. She does every little thing to the T. I have had education for 20 straight years. But for someone coming back after so many years — she's so excited and wants to do everything. I'm like, OK, yeah, I'm still here."

On weekends, Jan usually travels home to Vermont to spend time with her husband, who has fully supported her adventure. "It's a wonderful opportunity for me to be able to take advantage of a college education at this time," says Jan. "I did not have the opportunity when I was the traditional age due to financial reasons."

Now Jan says she is surprised by what a bonus her life experience is in the classroom and how the younger students make her feel included.

A Lot to Offer

"I think many FPs come in feeling like there's something wrong with us that we didn't complete our education earlier," she says. "But as we get into the classes, we find we really have a lot to offer."

"We draw more from our personal experiences, whereas traditional students come in and are so incredibly articulate, and are probably much better prepared for the work, coming out of high school."

Carrie says having her Mom in a developmental psychology course has been great. She says Jan brings up interesting bits of family history and adds a new perspective to things.

"I like it because (FPs) offer a lot," she says. "What we are learning, they have already experienced in their lives. For them, it explains why things happened, and they can understand it so much better. For us, we are like blank slates learning about things that we will eventually experience."

Not Just Curve-Breakers

The program was one of the first of its type in the nation. Now similar programs are under way at several other colleges, including Smith, Elms, Wells and Trinity.

"These students take their studies very seriously," says Althoff. "They feel 'now is my chance, now my time has come.'"

While Althoff laughingly admits some of the traditional students may feel "uh-oh, here comes another curve-breaker" when they see the non-traditional students in class, "most students love to have them in their study group!"

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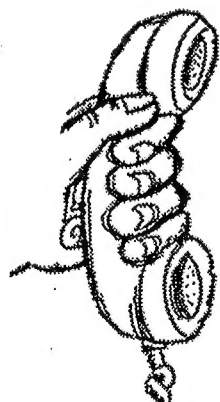
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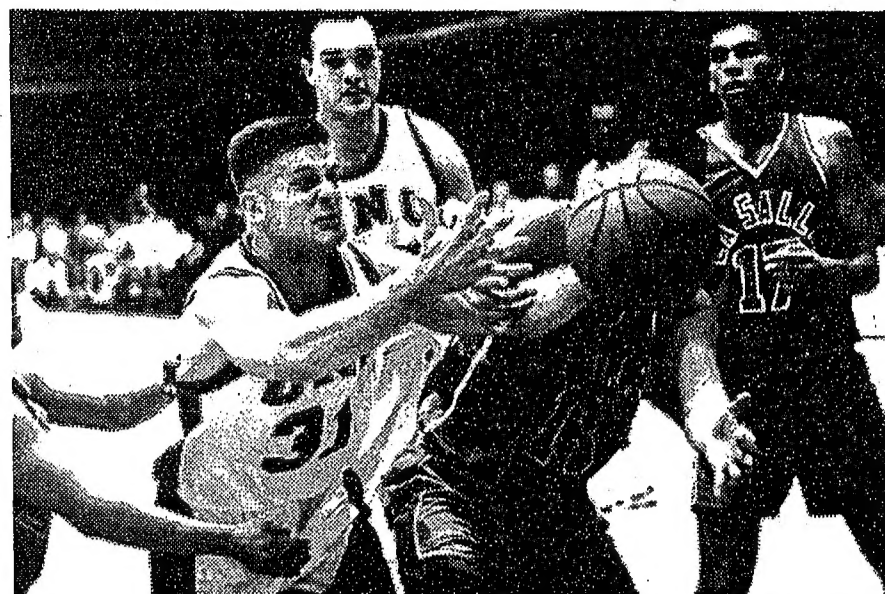


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Sports



—Dave Mollner

UNO sophomore guard Jim Lake, no. 31, battles for a loose ball as teammate Brian West watches from behind.

Basketball Team Starts Out Preseason with 108-63 Win

By Tony Reinke

The UNO men's basketball team tipped off the 1995-96 preseason with a 108-63 running of the bulls over LaSalle of Mexico last Thursday.

The Mavericks, rebounding from an 11-16 record last year, used the depth of their backcourt and 6-foot-10-inch senior John Skokan to outgun LaSalle in the first half.

Junior James Miller scored four points early in the first half sparking a 8-5 lead for UNO. A variety of Maverick scorers continued to distance themselves from LaSalle. UNO went on runs of 9 and 11 points to close out the half with a 57-26 lead.

"At halftime I told my team that we just wanted to play against the game, not the scoreboard, and execute some things," first-year Head Coach Kevin Lehman said.

LaSalle was continually dominated by Skokan, a senior from Omaha Creighton Prep. He scored 10 points in the second half, including a dunk with 3:50 left in the game to give UNO a 100-57 lead.

"We've been playing each other for the

past two weeks," Lehman said. "This type of game gives us a chance to play someone to gauge our progress as a team."

Skokan led the Mavs with 18 points and a game-high 14 rebounds. Seven Mavs scored in double figures.

Last season's leading scorer, Pete Ledford, scored 11 points. He had surgery to repair ligament damage in September.

"It got to a point where we just wanted to play as many players as we could," Lehman said.

UNO gave up 26 points to guard Mario Roman, a number that concerned Lehman.

"I'm very concerned about our defense," he said. "I knew that this team would not challenge us inside and that is where our weakness is right now."

The Mavs have one other preseason game before their season begins. Saturday the Mavericks will host USA Basketball, a team of mostly UNO graduates.

Opening day for UNO is Nov. 17 at Wayne State.

Mavs Break Losing Streak with 44-28 Win Over SD State

By Dave Mollner

Working toward rebuilding a solid football foundation, the Mavs leveled South Dakota State 44-28 on the road Saturday, applying the brakes to UNO's four-game losing skid.

The Jackrabbits of SDSU, which fell to 5-5 overall (3-5 in the NCC), won the coin toss but deferred the ball until the second half. The Mavs, who improved to 3-7 overall (2-6 NCC), capitalized by driving to the SDSU 25-yard line where freshman place-kicker Paul Kosel booted a 42-yard field goal into the wind. The Mavs grabbed the early 3-0 lead and would never trail in the game.

With below-freezing temperatures in Brookings, S.D., UNO fired up their running attack behind senior Jermaine Hill's 129 yards rushing on 21 carries. Hill, who finished with 204 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns, scored his first touchdown after SDSU muffed a high snap from the shotgun, which was recovered by sophomore Brent Neben on the Jackrabbit 31. After running seven plays down to the SDSU 12-yard line, Hill took the option pitch from quarterback Troy Kloewer and rumbled in for the score.

"Jermaine's tried hard all year and today things finally clicked on all cylinders," second-year Head Coach Pat Behrns said. "Up front, the offensive line executed their blocks well, which was a big part of our success with the ball." The UNO offensive line didn't allow a single sack in the game.

Hill's 12-yard scamper into the end zone put UNO ahead 10-0 at the end of the first quarter. The Mavs hadn't scored a first quarter touchdown since their 19-14 victory against Kearney on Sept. 9. UNO's road record has improved to 3-3 but remain winless on AI F. Caniglia Field at 0-4.

At the 7:03 mark in the second quarter, junior fullback Cale Good ran it in from 1 yard out, putting the Mavs up 17-0. SDSU scored with 1:48 left in the half when Cody King reeled in a 6-yard pass from Bill Perron, closing the lead to 17-7 at the break.

Before making the road trip to Brookings, Behrns left the starting quarterback position open for junior Ray Walker to challenge Kloewer for the job.

"Troy played well in practice all week," Behrns said. "We made the decision to stick with him after Wednesday's practice."

There was no second guessing the coaching decision after Saturday's offensive fireworks. Kloewer responded to the call by gunning for 217 yards through the air and hitting on 13 of 20 passes.

The Mavs' running success opened up the pass in the second-half for Kloewer when he connected on a 10-yard touchdown strike to freshman Ed Thompson. The Kosel kick put UNO ahead 24-7.

Keeping the score within reach, SDSU struck back on its next play from scrimmage when Perron landed a 53-yard bomb to Lance Wipf, making it 24-14.

UNO wouldn't relinquish its lead this time and responded with a nine-play, 74-yard drive capped off by a Hill 10-yard touchdown run. After the kickoff, the Mavs defense came up big when SDSU went for it on fourth down and three from the UNO 48. Perron dropped back to pass and was sacked by Demetrius Richards. On the next play, Hill sprinted 43 yards for the touchdown, and UNO led 38-14 with 14:08 left in the game.

"We must run the ball to be good and we did that today," Behrns said. "Hat to hat on both sides of the ball, we won the battle on the field."

UNO finished its scoring assault with Good's second touchdown run of the game, which came from three yards out. Kosel's point after was no good and left the score at 44-21. The Jackrabbits added a late fourth quarter touchdown with 1:48 left on the clock, but the game ended with UNO on top 44-28.

UNO's 44 points were the most scored in an NCC game since the Mavs defeated SDSU 44-16 at Omaha in 1983.

The Mavs' defense held the Jackrabbits to 59 yards rushing and 3 of 15 on third-down conversions. Nathan Tate and Kory Andreason had eight tackles each for UNO.

"A lot of people don't expect us to win games such as these on the road," Behrns said. "Win, lose or draw, we must prepare and take steps forward every play. We did that today."

Lady Mavs Sweep 'Must Win' Weekend

By Tony Reinke

SIOUX FALLS, S.D.—Led by senior Denise Otten and junior Amy Steffel, the Lady Mavs volleyball team defeated Augustana 15-11, 13-15, 15-7, 11-15 and 15-4 in five games Saturday night.

Otten, a 6-foot senior middle blocker, scored four times in the fifth and final game and Steffel, a junior setter, served the final two points to close out the must-win match.

"We knew that if we lost the fifth game that the season would be over," Steffel said. "But if we won, it would be another step toward regionals. We had the heart and determination to go on."

In game four, Augustana shot out to a quick 9-1 lead. UNO came within a 10-10 tie, but the Vikings won the game 15-11 forcing the fifth game.

"We really felt that we gained momentum after a 1-9 deficit in the fourth game and coming back to tie at 10-10," UNO Head Coach Rose Shires said. "We wanted to carry that momentum over and we did."

Augustana scored the first point of the fifth game before Otten and Steffel took over. Steffel set four of the next five points, and Otten scored three times during that span giving UNO a 4-2 lead. Sophomore Erin Shafer served two aces combined with five Augustana errors late in the game giving the Lady Mavs a commanding 12-4 lead.

"Our outside hitters came through," Shires said. "Erin Shafer had a couple of six-packs (when a spike hits an opponent in the head). Denise Otten controlled the net again, Christyn Malone made some big-time hits tonight, and our defense stepped up in the second half of the match."

Otten hit .426 in the match, a figure that ranks among the nation's best. Outside hitter Kim Gerdes added five blocks, and Steffel finished with 48 set assists. Tanya Cate, another front-court player for UNO, hit .363 with 11 kills.

Sophomore Malone added five sets and three blocks.

The Lady Mavs move to 19-8 on the season and 12-5 in the conference with four matches remaining in the season.

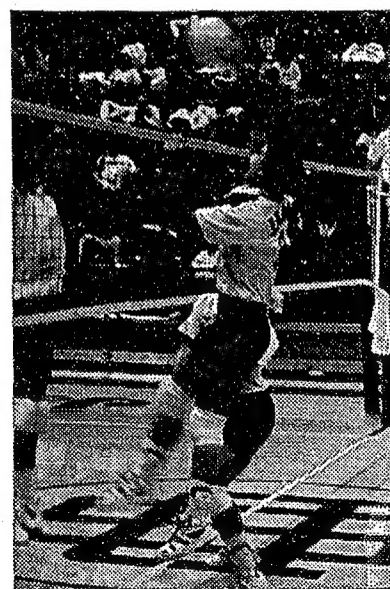
On Friday night the Lady Mavs swept South Dakota State in Brookings, S.D., 15-5, 15-5, 15-7.

The Lady Mavs wasted no time taking a quick 5-0 advantage in the first game. Blocks by Shafer, Gerdes and Cate late in the game spurred UNO to a 15-5 victory.

"Our goal on Friday was to come out and be very aggressive and to stay on top," Shires said. "The first game set the pace for the entire match."

Otten hit .550 with three blocks of her own. Gerdes hit .294 with seven blocks, and Steffel added 31 set assists.

"Tanya Cate and Amy Steffel did a good job and, as usual, Denise Otten controlled the net," Shires said.

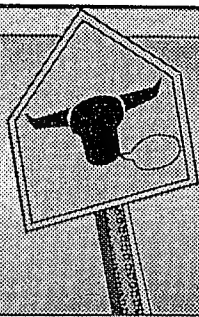


—Tony Reinke

Freshman outside hitter Christy Fossum scores against Augustana on Saturday.

UNO will host Northern Colorado on Tuesday, a match that may decide the fate of UNO's post season hopes.

"We are playing very well right now," Otten said. "Every night we have a different high scorer, and every night we have different players that are making difference."



TALKING BULL

with Sparky the sports guru

UNO Football: Dr. Jekyll or Mr. Hyde

By Dave Mollner - Alias "Sparky the Sports Guru"

After thumping the Jackrabbits of South Dakota State 44-28 in Brookings, S.D., last Saturday, it remains to be seen which UNO team will step onto Caniglia Field for this Saturday's final game of the season.

The victory was a major step forward in the rebuilding process, a game few people expected the Mavs to win when looking at their schedule before the season started.

Although UNO Head Coach Pat Behrns and his staff are only in their second year of a major program overhaul, their motor is running. Not since Sandy Buda's final year at the helm have the Mavs played teams such as North Dakota State this close. UNO fell to the Bison 34-23 this year and hasn't beaten NDS since its 27-7 home win in 1989.

Another measuring stick for this team was the University of North Dakota game, which saw the No. 2 ranked team in the country trailing last year's NCC doormat 13-3 at the half.

UNO played a dominating first half against the No. 2 nationally ranked Fighting Sioux before collapsing late in the game by surrendering 28 points and a 31-16 loss. But this Maverick motor has ran out of gas more than once this season. In the season home-opener against the Wildcats of Wayne State, 8,500 fans watched a 30-18 fourth quarter lead evaporate into a 37-30 loss. That's 17 unanswered points and a huge dent in this young team's armor heading into the NCC battlegrounds.

But then there's always those "what ifs" in the world of sports. What if Scott Norwood's field goal hadn't sailed wide right against the Giants in Super Bowl XXVI? Then pro-bowlers such as Jim Kelly, Thurman Thomas and Bruce Smith wouldn't be four-time Super Bowl losers.

What if Bill Buckner hadn't let the ball dribble through his legs for the last out of the 1986 ALCS? Then the Boston Red Sox would have made their first World Series in more than 300 years.

What if the Mavs had tasted the flavor of success against Wayne State instead of fourth-quarter indigestion? The possibility of sporting a 2-0 record heading into their conference schedule after their 19-14 win against the University of Nebraska at Kearney in game two makes one wonder. Just getting the feel of what it's like to win a game, especially with the youngest team in the conference (54 freshmen and only eight seniors out of 94 players), poses the "what if" of the 1995 season.

Before the start of the season, yours truly had the stones to predict a 6-5 season for this young but talented squad of scrappers. After witnessing blown motors in the fourth quarter or slow-starting engines that didn't give off a spark until it was too late, the Mavs are a "what if" 5-5 team heading into this weekend's finale against the Coyotes of South Dakota. My prediction would have held the smack it boasted in early September and got the monkey off the back of this young team.

But it's what's on paper that counts, and the Mavs are 3-7 in the record book to recovery. The best remedy for the Mavs would be another performance of running on all cylinders and making sure the tank is full before taking the field Saturday.

COLLEGE NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

Dating Students Now Requires Supervision

By College Press Service

BOULDER, Colo.—If professors at the University of Colorado want to date students in their classes, they'll have to let their superiors know about it.

Colorado becomes the latest school to set up guidelines for student-teacher relationships, hoping to avoid any liability in future sexual harassment cases. The new policy covers the potential student relationships of staff members as well.

"This is a way to protect the student, the professor and the school," says university spokesperson Pauline Hale. "This isn't about moral judgments or forbidding relationships. It's simply a way to ensure that students are not taken advantage of."

Instructors who are found in violation of the guidelines will be reviewed by a school committee and could face punishment.

UC's policy is similar to policies at other universities. Some schools, such as the University of Virginia, have placed an outright ban on relationships between professors and students in their classes. At the University of Iowa, "amorous" relationships between faculty members and students are forbidden when the instructor has any role of direct responsibility to the student outside the relationship.

Some schools, like Vermont State College, have guidelines spelling out the administration's disapproval of student-teacher relationships, though there are no provisions that directly ban them.

KKK Ties Keep Grant Unclaimed

From College Press Service

NORMAN, Okla.—There's a \$41,000 research grant available to graduate students at the University of Oklahoma. But despite a constant need for academic dollars, the money has gone untouched because of the donor's ties to the Ku Klux Klan.

The Edwin S. DeBarr grant, named after one of the university's first faculty members, was given to the school in 1981 and has remained in a bank account since. The original award of \$14,714 has nearly tripled, but students and faculty members say the stigma of the award is reason enough to stay away.

"Mr. DeBarr had obvious ties to the Klan, and for many students, that is reason enough not to take the money," says Malik El-Amin, a university historian. "Students have suggested different uses for the fund, such as cultural awareness programs, but so far nothing has been done because of the award's guidelines."

DeBarr's family has stipulated that the award be presented in his name and be used for research in the physical sciences.

Sideline

Basketball

The UNO Men's Basketball team under the direction of first-year Head Coach Kevin Lehman take on team USA Basketball Saturday, Nov. 11 in the UNO Fieldhouse at 7 p.m.

USA Basketball, which consists of mostly former UNO players, will be the Mavs' final exhibition game before traveling to Wayne State College on Nov. 17 for their season opener.

The Mavs, who finished 11-16 last season, are returning 11 letter winners and five starters from last year's squad. Newcomers include forward James Miller, a 6-5 200-pound junior from Moss Point, Miss., who played at Seward (Kan.) County Community College last season. Another new addition to the Mavs is sophomore Shadric Thomas, a 6-2, 194-pound guard and Chicago native who transferred from Southwest Missouri State.

"I look at these exhibition games as an opportunity to evaluate our teaching, which also gives us a chance to see our weaknesses," Lehman said. "Winning is not as important right now as finding out where we stand on our defense, rebounding and offensive execution."

New on the Maverick's 1995-96 schedule is Creighton University, which will be played Thursday, Nov. 30 at the Omaha Civic Auditorium.

UNO Athletic Department

UNO winter sports will be the topic previewed at the second Maverick Booster Luncheon of the season Friday, Nov. 10. Maverick sports fans will get a preview of the 1995-96 wrestling team and men's and women's basketball squads.

Featured speakers will be Wrestling Coach Mike Denney, Women's Basketball Coach Cherri Mankenberg and the new Men's Head Coach Kevin Lehman. The event, which will be held at Anthony's Restaurant, 72nd and P Streets, is open to the public. The cost is \$7 and includes a buffet lunch and the program.

* Campus Notes

More than 125 UNO employees have contributed more than \$15,000 to the men's and women's athletic programs through the annual payroll deduction drive according to UNO Assistant Athletic Director Connie Claussen.

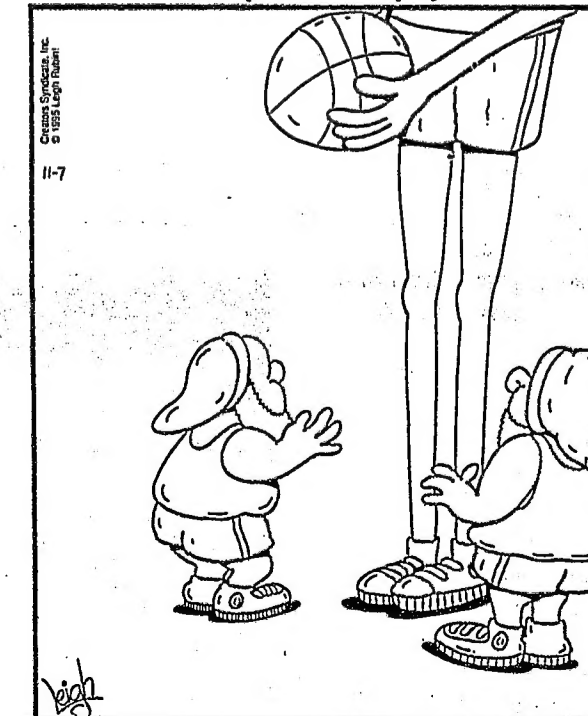
"The response so far has been outstanding," Claussen said. "We have over \$15,000 in contributions and employees may still participate in the drive. For more information call 554-2301."

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By Leigh Rubin



Future politicians at play

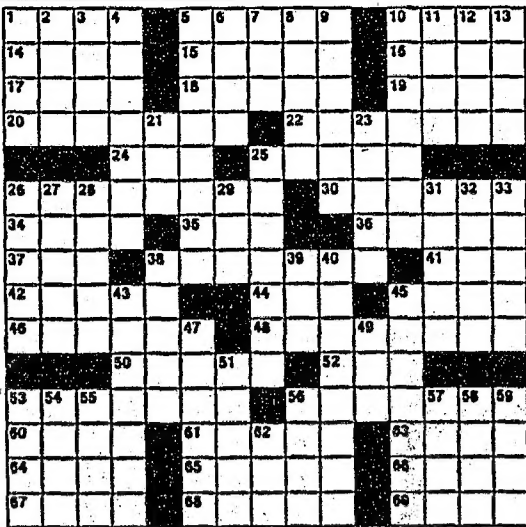


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 - 30 Pencil rubber
 - 34 Stock exchange membership
 - 35 Drunkard
 - 36 Musical refrain
 - 37 — Vegas
 - 38 On a horse
 - 41 Boar
 - 42 Penetrate
 - 44 Auxiliary verb
 - 45 Sheepfold
 - 46 Vaporizes
 - 48 Snares
 - 50 Sand payment
 - 52 Paddle
 - 53 Burned with liquid
 - 56 Betrothed
 - 60 Cab
 - 61 Depart
 - 63 Carry-all
 - 64 Stare at amorously
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 - 66 Orchestra instrument
 - 67 Look at
 - 68 Tilt
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 - 5 Brave
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 - 7 Expend



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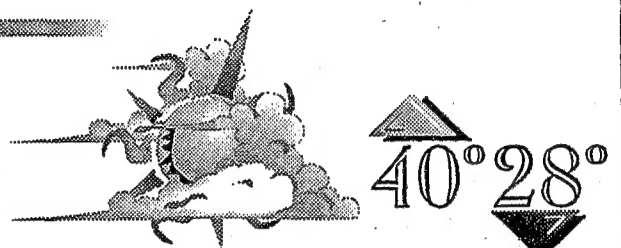
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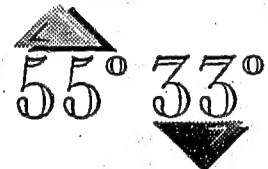
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have the potential inside of them but just need some help and skill training to get there."

McFadden also agrees that ninth-graders are an important age group to work with.

"It's important to work with kids of this age because we want them to realize that they should get involved right away when they are freshmen," McFadden said. "We don't want them to make the mistake of waiting until their junior or senior year to make a difference in their schools."

Students took part in a full day of activities conducted in cooperation with UNO, the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor's Office, US West Communications, representatives from various businesses and community leaders.

ODK helped out with the ninth-graders' session on Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the US West Communication building in downtown Omaha.

"The whole idea of the program is for us to encourage these kids to take on leadership responsibilities," said Heather Rizzuto, former president of ODK.

"There was a nice mix of students involved in the program. Some were athletes and others were interested in art or music or a variety of other things. It was great to see so many different types of kids who really wanted to learn how to get involved."

Some of the day's activities included speakers, small and large group activities, panels and ODK student presentations. Those

who took part were taught leadership skills in their sessions, including how to run a meeting, problem-solving tasks, goal setting, team building and time management.

"There was a creativity session that I feel was very beneficial to the students," Rizzuto said. "It taught them to look at things in a different light. Because once you see something in a new perspective, you'll never look at the situation the same again."

McFadden said the program instilled confidence in the students.

"The workshop energizes and empowers the students. It makes them think that they are capable of doing the things that we present to them in the sessions," McFadden said. "It gives them confidence to go back into their schools with what they have learned and do something with their leadership skills."

The ODK members' participation is one of the reasons for the program's success, McFadden said.

"We've mainly had adults present the workshop before, but I thought that the ninth-graders would better relate to other students who were closer to their age," McFadden said.

"I was extremely pleased with the ODK students who took the time and effort to make the workshop work. They were using their own free time to make the program worthwhile for all of the students who participated," McFadden said. "I hope they had as much fun as the kids and I had with this project."

Faltin said that giving the students an opportunity to work with people who were closer to their age was important.

"This gives the students who participate a better understanding that becoming a leader was possible and could become a reality. They could almost visualize through the ODK presenters where they could be in the next five years," Faltin said.

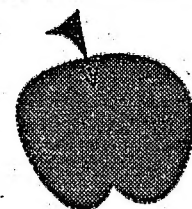
Faltin said the leadership skills helped the participants prepare for a somewhat bumpy future.

"As these students face a future that will not doubt be even more hectic and fast-paced than it is now, they need to learn adaptive skills that will help them to keep up with a changing tomorrow," Faltin said. "It's important for them to know that they must first lead themselves, so that they can then lead others into tomorrow. We tell them that if they want to be a leader, they can't sit back because others will be going fast ahead."

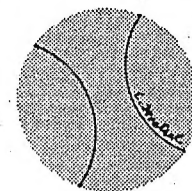
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